

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Since 2006, the Board of Supervisors has created employment opportunities for thousands of youth across Los Angeles County particularly during the summer months and after school. Meaningful work experiences provide skill-building opportunities, offer career pathways and mentorship for young people. Youth employment is also essential to help local businesses find and retain talent.

Last year a coalition of employers launched the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative. It is the nation's largest employer-led coalition committed to creating meaningful career pathways and hiring at least 100,000 opportunity youth by 2018.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative will be holding a day-long resource and job fair for young people here in Los Angeles. Starbucks, Taco Bell, Alaska Airlines, Microsoft, Walgreens, and many other employers will be offering jobs to work ready youth, and community based organizations will be providing development and enrichment services. More than 4,000 youth are expected to attend. The County has a unique opportunity to participate by leveraging existing youth employment funds to subsidize the first 100 work hours of employment with local businesses.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Director of Community and Senior Services collaborate with the Departments of Public Social Services, Probation, Children and Family Services, Public Works, Sheriff, Consumer and Business Affairs and Parks and Recreation to launch the County's "First 100" Initiative, utilizing existing Youth Job resources to subsidize the first one hundred hours for youth internships.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Director of Community and Senior Services report back in 90 days on the Initiative and provide recommendations that can further streamline employment pathways.

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